

February 5, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Commission Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
CY-B402
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Federal Communications Commission recently received a 271 application from SBC of Michigan. As a legislator who believes that competition benefits residential and business consumers alike, I am writing to urge members of the Commission to support SBC's application to provide long distance in Michigan.

I believe it is necessary to open up the market as much as possible for the benefit of businesses and residential consumers. Michigan consumers are losing out on valuable savings and choices because there are no incentives for long distance competition. Right now, lack of competition among long distance providers keeps prices higher than in other states and consumers are paying the price. SBC's entry into Michigan's long distance market will force other phone companies to offer competitive packages and prices.

Again, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve SBC's application. Michigan residents deserve enjoyment of lower phone bills and more choices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Kolb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Representative Chris Kolb
53rd District

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